

Suit Charges Arsenal Water Killed Cattle

Water, allegedly polluted by the Joliet Arsenal caused the death of 32 head of cattle grazing in the arsenal area, it is charged in a \$7,190 damage suit filed in U. S. District Court at Chicago Wednesday.

The suit is directed at the U. S. government. Trustees of the Funk Farm estate instituted the complaint. The trustees are: Lafayette Funk, Eugene D. Funk, Jr., Paul D. Funk and Theodore Funk, trustees of the estate of late Eugene Funk, of McLean County.

THE TRUSTEES are leasing grazing land from the government in the arsenal area.

In the suit it is alleged that the arsenal caused the drinking water on the grazing land to become polluted with nitrate. This caused the death of 32 heads of cattle, it is charged. The cattle including one bull, 14 cows, nine yearling calves and eight other calves died between July 16 and July 25, 1951 as a result of the pollution, it is charged.

A Chicago law firm filed the suit in behalf of the trustees.